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SUBJECT: MTN: TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE GROUP 3(C)
- SECTORS

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1. EMBOFF PRESENTED US VIEWS RE FIRST MEETING GROUP
ON SECTORS TO DUNKEL AND EBERHARD, SWISS DIVISION OF
COMMERCE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH GATT. THEY WILL
REPRESENT GOS AT OCTOBER 7-9 MEETING. SWISS APPRECIATED
RECEIVING INFO RE BASIC US POSTURE AT MEETING AND SAID
THEY LOOKED FORWARD TO EXCHANGING IDEAS RE QUESTION OF
WHETHER SECTORAL APPROACH DESIRABLE AND/OR FEASIBLE
AND POSSIBLE METHODS AND PROCEDURES.

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2. IN PRELIMINARY REACTION, DUNKEL SAID THAT SWISS TEND TO APPROACH SECTORS GROUP WORK IN VERY SIMILAR MANNER TO THAT OF US. THEY WOULD PREFER NOT TO BECOME ENGAGED AT THIS TIME IN WORK IN PARTICULAR SECTORS AND ALSO BELIEVE THAT ANY WORK PROGRAM SHOULD NOT PROCEED AT TOO RAPID A PACE. DUNKEL WOULD PREFER THAT GROUP EVEN AVOID DEFINING WHAT IS MEANT BY "SECTOR" IN ORDER TO PERMIT MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY AT LATER STAGES OF NEGOTIATIONS. SWISS ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT IDENTIFYING PARTICULAR SECTORS EVEN FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES AT THIS EARLY STAGE WOULD TEND ESTABLISH CUMBERSOME PRECEDENT AND DEFLECT ATTENTION FROM WHAT THEY REGARD AS DESIRABLE INITIAL OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING GREATEST BALANCED OVERALL PACKAGE OF BENEFITS, PREFERABLY THROUGH LINEAR METHOD TO EXTENT POSSIBLE.

3. HOWEVER, ON OTHER HAND, DUNKEL SAID THAT SWISS WOULD ALSO PREFER NOT PREJUDGE ANYTHING AT THIS STAGE AND THUS FOR TACTICAL REASONS HOPE THAT CANADIAN SUGGESTION WOULD NOT BE COMPLETELY KILLED. HE NOTED THAT SECTOR APPROACH MIGHT BE ONE MEANS DEAL IN MTN WITH QUESTION OF ACCESS TO SUPPLIES IN EXCHANGE FOR ACCESS TO MARKETS.
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